

MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC COMPANY
AND NANTUCKET ELECTRIC COMPANY

D.T.E. 03-123

FIRST SET OF INFORMATION REQUESTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY TO
MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC COMPANY AND NANTUCKET ELECTRIC COMPANY

Pursuant to 220 C.M.R. § 1.06(6)(c), the Department of Telecommunications and Energy (“Department”) submits to Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company (together, “MECo” or “Company”) the following information requests:

INSTRUCTIONS

The following instructions apply to this set of information requests and all subsequent information requests issued by the Department to the Company in this proceeding.

1. Each request should be answered in writing on a separate, three-hole punch page with a recitation of the request, a reference to the request number, the docket number of the case and the name of the person responsible for the answer.
2. Do not wait for all answers to be completed before supplying answers. Provide the answers as they are completed.
3. These requests shall be deemed continuing so as to require further supplemental responses if the Company or its witness receives or generates additional information within the scope of these requests between the time of the original response and the close of the record in this proceeding.

4. The term “provide complete and detailed documentation” means:

Provide all data, assumptions and calculations relied upon. Provide the source of and basis for all data and assumptions employed. Include all studies, reports and planning documents from which data, estimates or assumptions were drawn and support for how the data or assumptions were used in developing the projections or estimates. Provide and explain all supporting work-papers.
5. The term “document” is used in its broadest sense and includes, without limitation, writings, drawings, graphs, charts, photographs, phono-records, microfilm, microfiche, computer printouts, correspondence, handwritten notes, records or reports, bills, checks, articles from journals or other sources and other data compilations from which information can be obtained and all copies of such documents that bear notations or other markings that differentiate such copies from the original.
6. If any one of these requests is ambiguous, notify the Hearing Officer so that the request may be clarified prior to the preparation of a written response.
7. Please file one copy of the responses with Mary Cottrell, Secretary of the Department. Also submit one (1) copy of the responses to Jeanne L. Voveris, Hearing Officer, one (1) copy of the responses to Sean Hanley, Assistant Director - Rates and Revenue Requirements Division, and one (1) copy of the responses to Barry Perlmutter, Electric Power Division.
8. In addition to filing, all non-proprietary responses should be submitted by e-mail to dte.efiling@state.ma.us.

INFORMATION REQUESTS

- DTE 1-1 Refer to Filing at Att. 2. The Company provides three estimates of standard offer service deferrals that would exist as of December 31, 2004 using three different projections for future oil and gas prices (these estimates used future price data from the last week of August, the last week of September, and the second week of October). Please identify the source of information for the oil and gas futures price data used in Attachment 2.
- DTE 1-2 Please provide an estimate of the deferral that would exist as of December 31, 2004 using the most recently-available oil and gas futures price data. Indicate the source of data for this information request, if different from the source identified in information request DTE 1-1.

- DTE 1-3 Please calculate the standard offer service fuel adjustment (“SOSFA”) that would take effect on January 1, 2004, based on data as of November 30, 2003, and consistent with the method approved by the Department in Standard Offer Fuel Adjustments, D.T.E. 00-66, 00-67, and 00-70 (2000).
- DTE 1-4 Please calculate the estimated standard offer service deferrals that would exist as of December 31, 2004 if the Company’s standard offer service fuel adjustment was set equal to the value calculated in information request DTE 1-3. Provide estimates using the oil and gas futures price data used in Attachment 2, as well as the futures price data identified in information request DTE 1-2.